

Petersburg Borough

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January 3, 2022

Dear Community Organizations:

If your organization is requesting a grant from the Borough in the next fiscal year budget (July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023), please fill out this form in its entirety. The information provided will be forwarded to the Borough Assembly for review. This form is due back to the Borough by March 21, 2022.

Sincerely,

Jody Tow
Finance Director
jtow@petersburgak.gov

- 1. Please list your organization’s name and contact information (contact name, email, mailing address and telephone number).

Name: Humanity In Progress
E-mail: board@psghumanity.org
Phone: (907)290-3034
Contact Names: Ashley Kawashima or Annette Bennett

- 2. Please list the amount of funding that your organization is requesting from the borough and how your organization will use these funds.

*At this time our non-profit is requesting \$40,000 . These funds will be used to help keep community members in their current housing situations to help stop the rising numbers of those experiencing homelessness in Petersburg by helping assist in financial hardships of rent and utility expenses that are creating housing insecurity situations. The funds will also be used to help currently homeless individuals to get into new housing situations by paying deposits and helping with starter costs for moving into a new place. A portion of these funds would also be used to purchase groceries for our current free food bag program for community members experiencing food insecurity. We currently give out roughly 400+ bags

a month, which the need is for more but that is what our current budget allows. A portion of funds would go towards providing community members with basic hygiene items such as toothpaste, toothbrushes, soaps, shampoos, menstruation products, deodorant, and etc.. Of this ask approximately \$22,500 would go towards salary for hiring a part-time employee to help us take some of the daily strain off of our volunteer board by helping to maintain our day to day needs, increase communication and access to our participants in a timely and efficient manner, help be a communication liaison between our volunteer board members and community members and organizations, and assist in running fundraising efforts as well as towards our space rent, garbage and internet costs for our day to day operations with participants.

3. Is this grant request a reoccurring request? Is it anticipated that it will be reoccurring in the future? If so, please explain.

*It is our hope to make this grant a reoccurring request for our non-profit as that would help HIP to ensure we can provide the best level of service and resource connection to our community possible. We run with a very small volunteer board and being able to spend more time on direct participant needs rather than trying to scrape together additional funding outside of our already busy grant and donation cycle searches would go a long way in making sure we are meeting as many needs as possible. We anticipate the needs of community members to increase over the coming years due to the rise in costs of daily living and struggle to find adequate and affordable housing so it would be amazing to know we could have a reoccurring and continued partnership with the borough to try and tackle some of these most basic needs of our citizens.

4. Please list the amount and source of any other grants (Federal, State, other) and contributions you have received in the last year. Please also list any funds you expect to receive this next year.

Alaska Housing Finance Corp, Alaska Housing Stabilization and Recovery Program, Received \$20,000, can receive up to \$200,000 for housing needs. These funds are for direct expenses of participants enrolled in the program.

Rassumson, \$6200, storage supplies.

We do not have any other funds expected at this time.

5. Have you ever received Borough Funding in the past? If so, how were the funds used?

*Humanity In Progress has not received any previous Borough funding.

6. What is the primary mission of your organization and how will this funding help you to provide this service?

*The mission of HIP is to provide connection of basic needs for people experiencing housing insecurity while educating the community on the importance of housing first and preventing homelessness in Petersburg. This funding will go directly towards our mission by providing community members with access to the funds and support they need to stay in their current housing with the hopes of moving away from housing insecurity or to get into new housing and transition out of experiencing homelessness.

7. What are your organizations primary objectives? On each objective, over the past 12 months, do you feel your organization has met or exceeded your primary goals? How is this measured? Where does additional work need to be done? How do you expect the Borough's contribution to help make this occur?

*Our main objective is to meet people experiencing housing insecurity or homelessness where they are at with respect and help get them connected with the tools, funding and resources they need to feel secure in their ability to meet their most basic needs. Our goal over the past 12 months was to get our housing/utility support program officially launched and increase our free food bag program capacity, we have far exceeded this expectation which is reflected in the numbers of individuals we have helped to house and keep housed as well as our increase of almost doubling the amount of free food bags we give out monthly.

*Our second objective is to educate individuals and organizations on the current housing insecurity and homelessness that is occurring within our community and ways we can work together to minimize the hardships and increase access to resources. Over the past 12 months we have worked diligently on promotion of our various basic needs programs and their importance via PSG Pilot, KFSK interviews, social media posting and flyers, we have worked to form new education around our Project Connect Point In Time Count Event and spoke at monthly meetings with our local SHARE coalition on our mission, vision and progress. We feel we have met this goal but have a lot of work to do in order to continue gaining understanding and support from community members on the importance and value of all community members having access to basic need resources.

By showing the community that the Borough stands with HIP and also wants to address the basic needs of our community members and find some solutions to some of our most difficult problems being face by community members not only will the financial support work to directly help participants but we believe it will help to open the eyes of many more community members on the realities of some of these issues and show that Petersburg stands together to help out and show up for it's most vulnerable populations.

8. Please list who and how many community members would be served and the consequences of not receiving funding.

HIP currently services hundreds of community members including individuals, families, adults and children currently experiencing housing insecurity and homelessness as well as food insecurity. Without this grant funding our ability to increase meeting the needs of

additional community members not able to access our services would be extremely limited at this time. We are doing what we can to get as many people struggling in our community connected with the support and funding they need to access their most basic needs but we need help and definitely know we can not do it alone or without the support of the Borough.

9. Please provide the number of full time equivalents (FTE) currently in your organization. If the Borough awards you a grant in the amount you have requested, will this increase your FTE count? If so, by how many? If the grant is not funded, will this affect the number of FTE's and by how many?

*Humanity In Progress is currently operated by a completely volunteer board and other volunteers, at this time due to the needs of the community we are using all grant and donated funds to do direct participant work other than the cost of our own space rent which we have worked to find separate funding for in order to decrease any impact on direct services we are able to provide.

10. Provide a copy of your annual financial statements from the most current completed year.

*We have attached our fiscal statement for the past year which runs June-July.

Document last updated on 1/3/2022.

Humanity In Progress

Statement of Financial Position

As of June 30, 2021

	TOTAL
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
Checking	13,976.29
Savings	79.21
Total Bank Accounts	\$14,055.50
Other Current Assets	
Undeposited Funds	0.00
Total Other Current Assets	\$0.00
Total Current Assets	\$14,055.50
TOTAL ASSETS	\$14,055.50
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LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Total Liabilities	
Equity	
Retained Earnings	613.35
Net Revenue	13,442.15
Total Equity	\$14,055.50
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